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**CHARLESTON MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON ON ILLEGAL GUN POSSESSION CHARGE**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Markus Davis, 33, of Charleston was sentenced to 34 months in prison today by United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston on a federal firearms charge. Davis pleaded guilty in January to being a felon in possession of firearms. On or about September 20, 2010, Davis admitted to possessing two Ruger .357 caliber revolvers in a South Charleston residence. The defendant possessed the firearms while he posed for two photographs. Davis further admitted that he intended to use one of the photographs as an image to be displayed on the front of a music album cover. On September 22, 2010, South Charleston police officers arrived at Davis's residence and recovered the two .357 caliber revolvers from his bedroom closet. Police also seized the two photographs that revealed the defendant in possession of the firearms.

The investigation was conducted by the South Charleston Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Monica Dillon handled the prosecution.

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**OHIO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL DRUG CHARGES**

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Christopher Springfield, 29, of Cleveland, Ohio pleaded guilty today before United States District Judge Thomas E. Johnston to possession with intent to distribute 35 grams of cocaine base.

On July 30, 2010, a police officer with the Boone County Sheriff's Department conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by the defendant. During a consensual search of Springfield's vehicle, police found a black duffle bag which contained suspected cocaine base, digital scales and razor blades. The suspected cocaine base was submitted to the Drug Enforcement Administration Mid-Atlantic Laboratory and proved to be 36.5 grams of cocaine base. Springfield admitted that he possessed the cocaine base on July 30, 2010 and intended to distribute it.

Springfield faces a mandatory minimum of five years in prison and a \$2 million fine when he is sentenced on July 18, 2011.

The investigation was conducted by the Boone County Sheriff's Department and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. Assistant United States Attorney John Frail is in charge of the prosecution.

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